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Substitute House Bill No. 5110

House of Representatives, April 16, 2013

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. JOHNSON of the 49th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORMS BY YOUTH CAMPS AND DAY CARE CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) On and after July 1, 2013,
2 any (1) youth camp, as defined in section 19a-420 of the general
3 statutes, (2) child day care center or group day care home, licensed in
4 accordance with section 19a-80 of the general statutes, or (3) family day
5 care home, licensed in accordance with section 19a-87b of the general
6 statutes, may permit a physical examination that is required for school
7 purposes, and the health assessment form described in section 10-206
8 of the general statutes or the state Department of Education's early
9 childhood health assessment record form, to be used to satisfy a
10 physical examination or health status certification required by such
11 youth camp, child day care center, group day care home or family day
12 care home, provided any requirement established by the
13 Commissioner of Public Health concerning the time for completion of
14 such physical examinations is satisfied.

15 Sec. 2. Section 19a-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

17 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
18 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, relating to the safe
19 operation of youth camps, including, but not limited to, personnel
20 qualifications for director and staff; ratio of staff to campers; sanitation
21 and public health; personal health, first aid and medical services; food
22 handling, mass feeding and cleanliness; water supply and waste
23 disposal; water safety, including use of lakes and rivers, swimming
24 and boating equipment and practices, vehicle condition and operation;
25 building and site design; equipment; and condition and density of use,
26 as the commissioner may deem necessary or desirable. Such
27 regulations shall be construed to be minimum standards subject to the
28 imposition and enforcement of higher standards by any town, city or
29 borough.

30 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
31 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, allowing physical
32 examinations or health status certifications required by youth camps
33 prior to the date of arrival at youth camps to be made by a physician,
34 an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse licensed
35 pursuant to chapter 378 or a physician assistant licensed pursuant to
36 chapter 370. Such regulations shall permit a physical examination and
37 health assessment form, as described in section 10-206, that is required
38 for school purposes to also be used to satisfy any such required youth
39 camp examination or certification, subject to such conditions regarding
40 the timeliness of such examination as the commissioner deems
41 appropriate.

42 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
43 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, that specify conditions
44 under which youth camp directors and staff may administer tests to
45 monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
46 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs
47 specified in the regulations adopted by the commissioner, to a child

48 enrolled in a youth camp at such camp. The regulations shall require
49 authorization pursuant to: (1) The written order of a physician licensed
50 to practice medicine or a dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in
51 this or another state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
52 under chapter 378, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 370, a
53 podiatrist licensed under chapter 375 or an optometrist licensed under
54 chapter 380; and (2) the written authorization of a parent or guardian
55 of such child.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	19a-428

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health (DPH) from allowing a school health assessment to satisfy youth camp, child day care center, group day care home or family day care home physical examination/health status certification requirements. This does not affect DPH regulation and enforcement activities associated with these entities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5110*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT FORMS BY YOUTH CAMPS AND DAY CARE CENTERS.*****SUMMARY:**

Department of Public Health (DPH) regulations require youth camps, child day care centers, and group and family day care homes to have on file a physical examination for each child before he or she enrolls at the camp or facility. (A youth camp may use a health status certificate in lieu of a physical.)

Starting July 1, 2013, this bill permits these entities to allow the use of required school physicals and either (1) the public school student health assessment form (referred to as the “blue form”) or (2) the State Department of Education’s early childhood assessment record form, for this purpose as long as the department’s required timeframes for completing the physicals are met (see BACKGROUND).

By allowing the use of school physicals, the bill broadens who can perform the required physical examination to include physicians, advanced practice and registered nurses, physician assistants, and school medical advisors. Current DPH regulations do not allow these camps, centers, or homes to use physical examinations performed by school medical advisors, except for youth camps. In addition, the regulations do not allow registered nurses to perform the examination for children attending group day care homes and child day care centers.

The bill also makes a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Physical Exam Requirements For Youth Camps and Day Care Facilities***

DPH regulations require youth camps to have a physical examination or health status certification on file for each camper dated no earlier than 36 months of the child's arrival at camp. School physicals may be used for this purpose, subject to the conditions of timeliness the commissioner believes appropriate.

Child day care centers and group day care homes require children to complete an annual physical examination. Family day care homes require physical examinations to be completed (1) annually for preschoolers, and (2) for older children, according to the public school system schedule.

School Physicals

By law, each public school student must complete a health assessment, conducted by a physician or other authorized health professional, prior to enrollment and during grades six or seven and nine or ten. The assessments must include a physical examination; immunization updates; and depending on the child's age, vision, hearing, speech, dental, and posture screenings.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (04/02/2013)